

FEMA REGION 6 WATCH SPOT REPORT #1 LA Evacuations due to Chemical Plant Explosion

BOTTOM LINE UPFRONT:

- CIR: Evacuations of more than 50 people
- LA State EOC remains at Normal
- No request for FEMA assistance

SITUATION:

- At around 5:45pm (CDT) a fire was reported at a Flow-Chem Technologies, a specialty oilfield chemical plant in Rayne, Louisiana (Acadia Parish) just off Interstate 10. The Interstate has been shut down in both directions with detours available and a five mile evacuation radius has been ordered. All evacuees were instructed to Mire Fire Department on Mire Highway. At this time, the local authorities have responded with chemical plant emergency personnel; they are not expected to request LA State assistance. LA GOHSEP remains on standby.
- Damages: Unknown
- Confirmed Fatalities/Injuries: Unknown at this time
- Shelters: 0
- Power Outages: 831

ACTIONS/FOLLOW UP:

- Follow-up communications with LA GOHSEP Operations Officer
- Denton MOC will continue to monitor and report further developments

SOURCE OF INFORMATION:

- Local Media (Acadiana Advocate & Acadiana Local News)
- LA GOHSEP Operations Officer

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